



**Notice of Annual Hearing
Saturday, November 23, 2002**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the staff of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board will hold the annual public hearing on the Power Plant Siting and Transmission Line Routing Program from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 23, 2002, in Conference Room 301 of the Centennial Office Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. The building may only be entered on the west side at the Cedar Street entrance. Free parking is available on Cedar Street or in the ramp on the east side of the building.

The annual hearing is intended to advise the public of matters relating to the siting of large electric power generating plants and routing of high voltage transmission lines and to afford interested persons an opportunity to be heard regarding any aspects of the EQB's activities, duties, or policies pursuant to the Power Plant Siting Act, Minnesota Statutes sections 116C.51-.69, or its Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Rules, Minnesota Rules chapter 4400.

The EQB has prepared an Agenda for the meeting. The Agenda is available on the EQB webpage at

<http://www.mnplan.state.mn.us/eqb/index.html>

At the hearing the public will be afforded an opportunity to be heard through the presentation of oral or written statements. Written statements may also be submitted for inclusion in the annual hearing record by delivery to the EQB's offices in St. Paul by the close of business on December 6, 2002. The EQB staff will prepare a written report regarding the matters discussed at the annual hearing within sixty days after the close of the hearing. This report will be provided to EQB Board members and will appear on the webpage.

Direct all inquiries regarding the annual hearing to: Alan Mitchell, Manager, Power Plant Siting Program, Environmental Quality Board, 300 Centennial Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55155, Phone 651-296-3714, e-mail: Alan.Mitchell@state.mn.us

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301 CENTENNIAL BUILDING
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AGENDA

- I. INTRODUCTION
 - A. Introduction of EQB staff members and other state agency staff
 - B. Introduction of public in attendance
- II. EQB Web Page
- III. REGULATORY CHANGES
 - A. Proposed Power Plant Siting Rules, chapter 4400
ALJ report should be available; rules will be before the Board in December
 - B. Proposed Environmental Review Rules, Chapter 4410.7600 et seq.
(comment period closes December 6)
 - C. Possible Legislation
- IV. EQB PROJECT REVIEW
 - A. Discussion of projects completed in the past year
 - B. Identification of pending and anticipated EQB projects
 - 1. Generating Plants
 - 2. Transmission Lines
 - 3. Wind Projects
 - 4. Pipelines
 - C. High Voltage Transmission Line mapping project
 - D. Report on Federal High-level Radioactive Waste Activities
- V. OTHER STATE AGENCY PROJECTS
 - A. Public Utility Commission Rulemaking, Chapter 7850
 - B. Department of Commerce – Energy Plan update
- VI. Public Questions and Comments

Opportunity for the public to submit oral comments and ask questions of agency staff
- VI. Adjourn